

1 SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
2 FOR THE COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO  
3 DEPARTMENT 3 HON. JOHN M. PACHECO, JUDGE  
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5 THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE )  
6 OF CALIFORNIA, )  
7 Plaintiff, )  
8 V. ) SUPERIOR COURT  
9 ) CASE NO: FSB-044914  
10 LISA LIBERI RICHARDSON, )  
11 Defendant. )  
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13 REPORTER'S TRANSCRIPT OF PRELIMINARY HEARING  
14 AND BAIL/OR HEARING

15 AUGUST 4, 2004

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1 THE COURT: Withdraw that last question?

2 MR. FAAL: No, your Honor, at this point in  
3 time I have no further questions.

4 MR. SECORD: Nothing further, your Honor.

5 THE COURT: Thank you.

6 MR. SECORD: For the record, your Honor, I'm  
7 turning over to defense a copy of the jail tapes. They  
8 are on CD. The copy is entitled Liberi, Lisa  
9 04073420299. It bears a date of 7/29/04 but it has  
10 jail conversations from the period of incarceration  
11 through 7/28/04 for discovery purposes.

12 MR. FAAL: Thank you.

13 THE COURT: Okay. Thank you. All  
14 right. Anything further?

15 MR. SECORD: On this issue, no, your Honor.  
16 I would recall Investigator Liebrich to the stand for  
17 our motion to increase bail.

18 MIKE LEIBRICH,  
19 having previously been sworn as a witness, was recalled  
20 on behalf of the People and testified further as  
21 follows:

22 MR. SECORD: Thank you, your Honor.

23 DIRECT EXAMINATION  
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25 BY MR. SECORD:

26 Q. You realize you're still under oath?

27 A. That's correct.

28 Q. All right. In the course of your

1 investigations, did you listen to conversations between  
2 the defendant and her mother emanating out of the jail?

3 A. I listened to the majority of them, not all  
4 of them.

5 Q. Okay. How many conversations in total were  
6 there provided to you?

7 A. More than half a dozen.

8 Q. Let me rephrase it. On the disc that I just  
9 gave Mr. Faal there's a significant number of  
10 conversations; is that correct?

11 A. 63 in total.

12 Q. 63 in total. And of those do you have an  
13 estimate as to how many you've listened to?

14 A. Roughly 40, 45.

15 Q. And of those you've listened to are  
16 conversations between the defendant and her mother?

17 A. That's correct.

18 Q. Okay. With respect to those conversations  
19 between the defendant and her mother, has the defendant  
20 indicated a desire to seek retribution against a family  
21 member?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. Who is she seeking retribution against?

24 A. Her sister Cheryl.

25 Q. In the reports that were prepared with  
26 respect to the case in which you testified at the  
27 preliminary hearing earlier today, was there a report  
28 by an Officer Schreiber, Investigator Schreiber

1 concerning an interview he had with Cheryl Richardson?

2 A. Yes, that report had to do with the previous  
3 19 charges, not the ones that were discussed today.

4 Q. All right. And was there an indication in  
5 those conversations between the defendant and her  
6 mother an understanding by the defendant that she had  
7 obtained, that the defendant had obtained a copy of  
8 that police report?

9 A. Yes.

10 Q. What did the defendant indicate she wanted to  
11 do with regard to her sister?

12 A. Actually as far as harm, she discussed that  
13 with her husband Brent. As far as with her mother, she  
14 was angry at her and was basically done with her  
15 sister.

16 Q. And with respect to Brent, did she  
17 indicate -- did she make threats about her sister?

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. What did she say?

20 A. First thing was that she believed that her  
21 sister had an outstanding warrant in the State of  
22 Arizona. She was going to somehow get her arrested and  
23 then spread throughout the jail system that she was  
24 quote unquote "a rat" and she told her husband Brent,  
25 "You know what they do to rats in jail?"

26 Q. Investigator Leibrich, you were with the L.A.  
27 County Sheriff's Department for a number of years,  
28 correct?



1 A. That's correct. Over 20.

2 Q. Did you ever work the jail?

3 A. Oh, yes.

4 Q. And what happens when inmates discover that  
5 another inmate is a snitch?

6 A. There is what is known as a contract, a green  
7 light on them. Different things; they are attacked  
8 and/or killed. In fact, you brought up L.A. County,  
9 in the last year five have been killed within the jail  
10 system.

11 Q. Did you also listen to any conversations  
12 where the defendant indicated that she wanted to leave  
13 the State of New Mexico?

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. Okay. Did she -- were there conversations --  
16 would you please describe what those conversations  
17 consisted of?

18 A. She was speaking to her husband Brent who was  
19 based out of New Mexico. She said she was quote  
20 unquote "done", that when the lease was up at the end  
21 of the month of August, that she wanted to leave. She  
22 was not going to tell anybody where she was going to  
23 go.

24 Q. Okay. Did she also indicate anything to her  
25 husband about finding a new job?

26 A. She inquired of her husband that even though  
27 he liked his job, she asked him, "You can find a  
28 transfer, can't you? We should leave. Let's go to

1 Georgia, Florida anywhere."

2 MR. SECORD: Nothing further.

3 THE COURT: Mr. Faal.

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5 CROSS-EXAMINATION

6 BY MR. FAAL:

7 Q. Did Ms. Liberi say that she wanted to abscond  
8 when she gets out on bail?

9 A. She did not use the word abscond.

10 Q. She was talking about relocating from the  
11 State of New Mexico to the State of Georgia or the  
12 State of Florida, right?

13 A. She said that once again she was going to  
14 leave and not tell anyone where she was going to go.

15 Q. Did she say that, based on your testimony,  
16 she already knew that her sister had given statements  
17 to the police that implicated her in this case,  
18 correct?

19 A. In the prior 19 charges, yes.

20 Q. Yes?

21 A. Yes.

22 Q. Okay. Did she make it clear as to whether  
23 she was referring to not telling family members or  
24 whether she was talking about not telling the Court or  
25 the bail bonds as to where she was?

26 A. What she said was she's not going to tell  
27 anyone. Not anyone.

28 Q. But that conversation came up in the context